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**United States Patent** [19]**Holliday**[11] **Patent Number:** **5,769,688**[45] **Date of Patent:** **Jun. 23, 1998**[54] **ATHLETIC BREAST AND CHEST PROTECTOR**[76] **Inventor:** **David L. Holliday**, 903 Blockade La., Charleston, S.C. 29412[21] **Appl. No.:** **617,507**[22] **Filed:** **Mar. 15, 1996**[51] **Int. Cl.<sup>6</sup>** ..... **A41C 3/00; A41D 13/00**[52] **U.S. Cl.** ..... **450/57; 2/2.5; 2/267; 450/55**[58] **Field of Search** ..... **2/1, 2, 2.5, 46, 2/267, 268, 73, 48, 49.1-49.5, 50, 51, 52; 450/1, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 30, 31, 32, 79, 80, 82**[56] **References Cited****U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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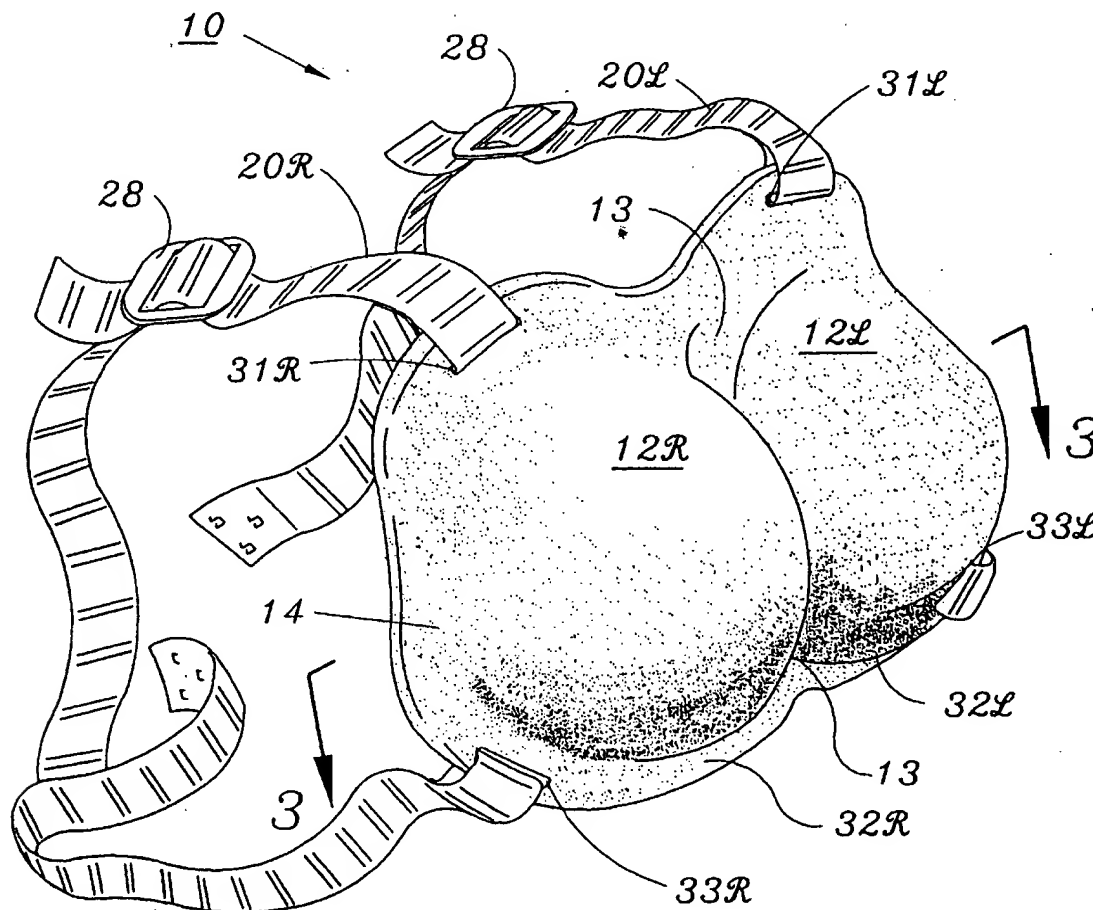
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A breast and chest protector for women athletes designed to protect the breast and upper chest area from impacts caused by bodily contact with other athletes and from balls in play. The breast and chest protector comprises a soft, rubberized foam exterior with a hard, high density plastic internal breast plate. The breast plate is hinged to provide for longitudinal flexing along the sternum between the right and left cups. The breast and chest protector is secured to the chest of a woman by means of adjustable shoulder and back straps that hook around a woman's back. The soft, rubberized foam exterior allows for adequate control of a ball in play as may be required in a sport such as soccer.

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